

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device, comprising:

an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;

an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;

a connection unit to which a detachable portable memory is connected;

~~an internal memory; and~~ a setting unit that sets either the detachable portable memory or an external device as a storage device where the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user is to be stored; and

an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, ~~and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory in a case that the detachable portable memory is set as the storage device, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user from the image capture device to an~~ from the image-capturing device to the external device via a communication circuit capable of communicating with the external device to store the image data in the external device in a case that the external device is set as the storage device, and when communication with the external device is disabled, disabled in the case that the external device is set as the storage device, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory on a temporary basis so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image, wherein

~~the image storage control unit controls the internal memory to store at least one of and to record~~ image identification information with regard to the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory ~~and memory identification information to identify the detachable portable memory on a temporary basis so that the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory on a temporary basis and the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory in the case that the detachable portable memory is set as the storage device can be distinguished from each other.~~

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein:

the image storage control unit detects whether or not wireless communication with the external device is enabled and transfers ~~image~~ the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory if ~~wireless~~ the wireless communication with the external device is detected to be disabled.

11. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein:

the image storage control unit detects whether or not a storage capacity of the external device is sufficient and transfers ~~image~~ the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory if the storage capacity of the external device is detected to be insufficient.

12-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera, comprising:

an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;

an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;

a connection unit to which a detachable portable memory is connected;

~~an internal memory; and~~ a setting unit that sets either the detachable portable memory or an external device as a storage device where the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user is to be stored; and

an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, ~~and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically~~ to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory in a case that the detachable portable memory is set as the storage device, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user from the electronic camera to an external ~~the external~~ device via a wireless communication circuit to store the image data in the external device in a case that the external device is set as the storage device, and when communication with the external device is disabled, ~~disabled in the case that the external device is set as the storage device, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory on a temporary basis so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image, wherein~~

~~the image storage control unit controls the internal memory to store and to record image identification information with regard to the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory and memory identification information to identify the detachable portable memory on a temporary basis so that the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory on a temporary basis and the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory in the case that the detachable portable memory is set as the storage device can be distinguished from each other.~~

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein:

the image storage control unit does not store image data which has been transferred to the external device in the detachable portable memory.

18. (Previously Presented) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein the communication circuit is a wireless communication circuit capable of communicating with the external device through a wireless communication.

19. (Previously Presented) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein the detachable portable memory is a memory card.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, wherein

the image storage control unit further controls transfer of ~~the image-image~~ data to transfer ~~image-the image~~ data stored in the detachable portable memory on a temporary basis to the external device when the external device becomes ~~usable~~ usable, in the case that the external device is set as the storage device.

22-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to ~~claim 23,~~ claim 8,

wherein either the detachable portable memory or a wireless communication circuit capable of wirelessly communicating with the external device is electrically, detachably, selectively and exclusively connected to the connection unit,

wherein there is further provided a detection unit that detects whether or not the wireless communication circuit is connected to the connection unit,

wherein the ~~mode-setting unit sets operation of the image capturing device in the communication mode~~ automatically sets the external device as the storage device when the detection unit detects that the wireless communication circuit is connected to the connection unit, and

wherein the image storage control unit controls transfer of image data to ~~automatically and wirelessly transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the external device via the wireless communication circuit in the communication mode~~ case that the external device is set as the storage device.

25. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to ~~claim 23,~~ wherein the ~~mode-setting unit sets operation of the image capture device in either (1) the communication mode as a first mode, or (2) a second mode in which the image data generated by the image sensor is automatically transferred to the detachable portable memory to store the image data in the detachable portable memory; and~~ claim 8,

wherein in the case that the detachable portable memory is set as the storage device, the image storage control unit controls transfer of image data ~~in the second mode to automatically transfer to~~ transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the detachable portable memory to store the image data in the detachable portable memory, and to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the external device when the detachable portable memory is not usable.

26-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 21, wherein:

the image storage control unit deletes the recorded image identification information ~~and the memory identification information from the internal memory~~ after the image data has been transferred to the external device.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device according to claim 8,
wherein:

the communication circuit is capable of communicating with the external device by at least a first wireless communication method and a second wireless communication method, and attempts the second wireless communication method when communication with the external device is failed by the first wireless communication method.

31. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device, comprising:

an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;

an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data;

a memory; and

an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically transfer the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user from the ~~image-capture-image-capturing~~ device to an external device via a communication circuit capable of communicating with the external device to store the image data in the external device, and when communication with the external device is disabled, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to the memory so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image, wherein

the communication circuit is capable of communicating with the external device by at least a first wireless communication method and a second wireless communication method, and attempts the second wireless communication method when communication with the external device is failed by the first wireless communication method.

32. (Currently Amended) An image-capturing device, comprising:

an image sensor that captures a subject image and generates image data;

an operation member that is operated by a user to cause the image sensor to capture a subject image and generate image data; and

an image storage control unit that controls transfer of image data, and is operable in a communication mode, to automatically transfer the image data generated by the image sensor in response to operation of the operation member by the user from the ~~image-capture~~image-capturing device to a first external device via a communication circuit capable of communicating with the first external device to store the image data in the first external device, and when communication with the first external device is disabled, to transfer the image data generated by the image sensor to a second external device via the communication circuit capable of communicating with the second external device to store the image data in the second external device so that the operation member can be operated to cause the image sensor to capture a next subject image, wherein:

an image storage control unit transmits a command from the image-capturing device to the second external device to transfer the image data to the first external device from the second external device where the image data have been stored on a temporary basis ~~as the~~without involving the image-capturing device in case that the first external device ~~becomes~~has become available, when transferring the image data to the second external device.

33. (New) An image-capturing device according to claim 8, further comprising:

an internal memory, wherein:

the image storage control unit records the image identification information with regard to the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory on a

temporary basis and memory identification information to identify the detachable portable memory, into the internal memory in correspondence to each other.

34. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 15, further comprising:

an internal memory, wherein:

the image storage control unit records the image identification information with regard to the image data transferred to the detachable portable memory on a temporary basis and memory identification information to identify the detachable portable memory, into the internal memory in correspondence to each other.

35. (New) An image-capturing device according to claim 32, wherein:

the image storage control unit communicates with the first external device by a first wireless communication method and communicates with the second external device by a second wireless communication method.